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Dear Ms. Falsetti:

SUBJECT: SCAG 2010/11 – 2013/14 FTIP/FSTIP AMENDMENT NO. 11-30

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 11-30 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated October 3, 2012. As detailed in your letter's enclosure, this amendment requests to add sixty-five (65) new individual and two (2) new grouped project listings, to modify twenty-three (23) individual and six (6) grouped project listings, and to remove two (2) individual project listings previously approved for inclusion in the 2010/11 – 2013/14 FTIP and California's Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

We have determined the added project listings and modifications from this amendment needing reaffirmation are from SCAG's adopted 2012/2035 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and are included in a previous conformity analysis. Acceptance of this amendment has been coordinated with Region IX of the EPA in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. Accordingly, we find that SCAG's 2010/11 – 2013/14 FTIP, including Amendment No. 11-30, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004 *MOU, between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2010/11 – 2013/14 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept these FSTIP modifications proposed for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register. We have determined that the amended SCAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 11-30, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations. SCAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. Any project or project phase, however, listed in SCAG's FTIP that is not included in SCAG's RTP is not approved for inclusion in the FSTIP pursuant to 23 CFR § 450.216(k) and § 450.324(g).

Project listings without funds proposed for obligation during the four-year SCAG FTIP period will be unable to be advanced to implementation without action by the FHWA and FTA on the FSTIP, pursuant to 23 CFR §§ 450.216(l) and 450.328(e). Projects included in this amendment that only propose funding for obligation outside the fiscally constrained portion of the FTIP are accepted by the FHWA and FTA as "informational" in accordance with 23 CFR §§ 450.216(a) and 450.324(a).

We are approving the 2010/11 – 2013/14 FSTIP with understanding that eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. This joint FHWA and FTA approval of the FSTIP does not constitute determination of eligibility for the federal funds proposed for obligation on the listed projects. If you would have any questions or need additional information concerning our FSTIP approval for this SCAG FTIP amendment, please contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Ted Matley of the FTA Region IX office at (415) 744-2590, or by email at ted.matley@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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